



Thursday, April 12, 2012
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Hawaii Pacific Health Boardroom, 55 Merchant St. (Harbor Court)
27th Floor

Minutes

Member Attendees: Jonathan Chun, Allen Chung, Vicky Gaynor, Robert Martin, Jr., Jeffrey Piontek, Arun Savara, Jeff Thompson, Marian Tsuji, Wayne Higaki, Steve Lupkes, James Tollefson, Leslie Wilkins (via webconference), Harold McDermott, Paul Richards, Karl Rhoads represented by Ryan Hew, John Vanatta, Geneva Spear (formerly Candean), Michael Ng, Peter Quigley, and Jan Miyamoto.

Guest Attendees: Lee Ahyen (County of Maui), Kathleen Nielsen (County of Hawaii), Edwina Minglana (OHA), Jim Patterson (OHA), Dwight Takamine (DLIR), Al Valles (USDOL), Derek Ohana (OWIB), Winona Whitman (ALu Like), Nanea Fai (Alu Like), Bernadette Howard (CTE State Office), Carol Kanayama (WDD-Admin), Elaine Young (WDD-Admin), and Francisco Corpuz (DLIR, R&S).

WDC Staff Attendees: James P. Hardway, Stan Fichtman, and Ruth Caldwell.

9:30 a.m. **Call to Order**.....Marian Tsuji,
Chair

1. Approval of Agenda- **APPROVED**
2. Approval of 1/12/2012 quarterly meeting minutes- **APPROVED**
3. Introduction of new WDC members
 - a. John Vannatta – Department of Education Superintendent Representative

9:35 a.m. **Overview of Hawaii Pacific Health**.....Dr. Virginia Pressler

With multiple sites, HPH is the largest healthcare provider in the state and is focused on creating a sustainable healthcare model. HPH is currently focused on creating a new payment structure, EMR, PACT, and Quality Efforts. Recent reports show HPH in the top 10-12% for quality standards in the nation. Currently helps patients become more accountable for their own care through the electronic “My Health Advantage” which is an online system that allows patients to see their own health data as well as schedule appointments, refill medications, etc. Currently 25,000 people are using this system.

Due to recent closures of Hawaii Medical Center hospitals in the state, HPH has added 12 new beds, created a permanent overflow area for non-critical cases, and hired over 100 of the health workers who were laid off.

Hawaii has many health care opportunities to look forward to such as tele-health, which is widely under-utilized due to reimbursement and

liability issues that must be resolved first.

9:55 a.m. **Review of reports**.....Marian Tsuji

1. Review of Reports

a. LWIB reports

- i. Kauai: SESP is expending funds well and had a two-day LEED training that ended yesterday.
- ii. Oahu: NA
- iii. Maui: 1) Focused on expending SESP grant funds at an acceptable level, 2) bringing on two training providers.
- iv. Hawaii: Ag Skill Panels for Hilo and Kona occurred recently. Federal monitors recently gave Technical Assistance. Board met to decide on PY 2012 allocations. SESP spending is on track.

b. WDD Report: 1) MIS RFP is in the final stage and should be completed within the month. 2) WDD is Currently working on the Re-Employment program for selected participants requesting UI continuation who are required to have a mandatory face to face 3-4 hour orientation. They expect to see about 200 individuals in this program each across the state.

c. WDC Staff Report: 1) Community Colleges and WDC are partnering under the C3T grant to bring Skill Panel and Industry together to create focused groups of stakeholders to sign off on programs to ensure trainings and credentials are meeting industry needs. 2) Ag Skill Panels continue. Oahu, Hilo, and Kona are complete with plans for Kauai on May 11 and Maui in the first week of June. Notes and videos of these Ag Skill Panels can be found on the www.sesphawaii.com website under the "NEW! Agricultural Skill Panel Materials" tab. 3) Sending Dr. Withy and staff from R&S to D.C. in May for an upcoming HRSA conference concerning health workforce best practices. 4) a group from the Software Skill Panels specific to UH will be meeting mid-year to review the software report to ensure UH is offering skills the industry needs.

d. DLIR R&S Labor Market Information report: 1) \$1.2M grant ended in December, so R&S is now only operating with the regular funds, but is busy trying to sustain service to LWIBs. 2) released two new reports available on the green zone website at <https://greenjobshawaii.hirenethawaii.com/>. 3) R&S is currently applying for more grants to increase resources and was a piece of the Workforce Innovation Grant recently submitted to USDOL by WDC.

10:15 a.m. **Action items**.....Marian Tsuji

1. Discussion: 2012 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) State Plan.

- a. Motion: Approval extending the existing WIA State Plan and Waivers and performance measures for PY 2012 until September;

Discussion: it was proposed the WDC request an extension until October 15th, but since September 15th is the last day USDOL will accept the plan, it was agreed upon to **change the motion to**

“Approval extending the existing WIA State Plan and Waivers and performance measures for PY 2012 until September 15th.”

Motion made by Jonathan Chun, second by James Tollefson. All in favor. No opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- b. Motion: Approval of the existing county Workforce Investment Boards (LWIB) WIA plans and performance measures.

Discussion: it was proposed the WDC extend the local plans due date until December and that the WDC will need to push back the last WDC meeting of the year to December to approve these plans before the end of the year. The **motion was changed to “Approval of the existing county Workforce Investment Boards (LWIB) WIA plans and performance measures with updated local plans due December 30, 2012.”**

Motion made, seconded by Steve Lupkes. All in favor. No opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

2. Discussion: New Waiver Requests

- a. Motion: Approval for new Waiver for to the USDOL. This is asking the USDOL to waive the state from performing customer satisfaction survey's only by telephone. The state would like to use other communication mediums (on-line surveys, email) to conduct surveys.

Discussion: No discussion.

Motion made by Jonathan Chun and seconded. All in favor. No opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

3. Discussion: Appointment of Vocational Rehabilitation (“VR”) representative from WDC

- a. Motion: Approve WDC member to represent the Council on the Vocational Rehabilitation Council. WDC member Jonathan Chun's final term on the WDC is expiring in May 2012. Mr. Chun is the representative from the WDC on the VR Council that

Discussion: Due to the time of the SRC meetings taking place on Oahu on Saturdays, Roland Prieto has been recommended as the representative, but will not make his final decision until this Tuesday. Roland Prieto will act as the interim representative until either he or another WDC member accepts the duty.

MOTION TABLED.

4. Discussion: Appointment of Chair to the Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) oversight committee

- a. Motion: Approval of Jonathan Chun as Chair of the DEI Oversight Committee

Discussion: Due to the extensive knowledge of WIA and VR law it takes to offer guidance for an initiative like the DEI, it is recommended that Jonathan Chun (the former VR representative) Chair the DEI Steering Committee appointed as a representative from the Kauai WIB.

Motion made by James Tollefson and seconded by Carl Hinson. All in favor. No opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- 10:45 a.m. **Discussion:**.....Marian Tsuji
1. Update on federal funding issues: County Mayors are respectfully waiting to see what happens in the state legislature over the coming weeks before making any decisions on this subject.
 2. Update on State Reorganization of WIA – Actions of the Planning and Performance Committee: the impact of the cuts will hit us in three months unless H.B. 2655 is approved which asks for authority to tap into the Employment Training Fund (ETF) special fund for one-year to use the year to make the crucial decisions needed to realign the state’s infrastructure with available funding if needed. Additionally, it is important for the WDC to keep our congressional delegation informed of our predicament.
- 10:55 a.m. **Discussion:**.....James Hardway/Vicki Gaynor Update on USDOL Federal Monitoring of State Board and WIA/Wagner-Peyser programs: The federal monitors were both complimentary and critical of current functions of the WDC. They were especially complimentary of the Industry Skill Panel successes; however, it was mentioned there are many opportunities for improvement on performance and local service delivery. The feds will have a follow-up phone-call with WDC in the next two weeks, and will give us written criticism as we request Technical Assistance with writing the State Plan.
- 11:15 a.m. **Discussion: National Assn. of Workforce Boards meeting**.....NAWB Attendees A report by four members who attended the National Association of Workforce Boards meeting in Washington D.C. in early March. Those members are: Vicky Gaynor, Wayne Higaki, Allen Chung and Leslie Wilkins. Some of the highlights of their comments include: 1) encouraged us to get away from relying fully on WIA funding and begin building private partnerships and applying for more outside funding and waivers; 2) encourage WIBs to move toward dual location to have a true “one-stop”; 3) the meeting encouraged looking at emerging trends and long-term workforce development instead of focusing on certificate training needs; 4) successful Board’s shared their practices, many of which can be read in Vicky Gaynor’s write-up of the conference, including how we should be more focused on numbers and should

talk more about what numbers we should be looking at specifically.

11:40 a.m. **Grants update**.....James Hardway

- 1) Native Hawaiian Education grant: this \$950k proposal over 3 years focuses on training 75-100 Native Hawaiians in higher wage, higher skilled technical positions in which Native Hawaiians are highly under-represented. Currently WDC is refining this proposal and partnering with OHA.
- 2) Workforce Innovation grant: likened to healthcare's "Coordinated Care" model, this \$12M proposal aims at providing better seamless delivery of services to individuals in the workforce and human services system so that an individual needing state services will have a single entry point with "No Wrong Door" to receive coordinated services using one MIS database and one application that can be done from any computer with internet access. Three phases of this grant would begin by creating a data system for all applicable agencies, then as agencies RFPs come up for bid they will have the option to join the system for a reduced cost, and finally the third phase would allow non-profits offering similar services access to the system to increase partnerships and collaboration between agencies with similar goals.
- 3) Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS): will create a data system to help us evaluate state program effectiveness and feed into the P-20 SLDS to provide better data on opportunities to provide better services and better outcomes for participants.

11:50 a.m. **Announcements**.....Marian Tsuji

- 1) Thank you and farewell to Marcia Tairo and Jonathan Chun who have served the WDC well.
- 2) Director Takamine is being honored tonight for Lifetime Achievement.
- 3) Construction jobs are currently open in Guam which pay for round trip flight, lodging, and living wages.
- 4) The next meeting may be pushed from July to August. We will keep the members posted on this.

12 noon **Adjournment**